



City of Shoreline Food Scrap Recycling

Recycling Tips - How to Get Started at Home

Step #1: Find the best kitchen container for you.

Many kitchen container options exist for collecting food scraps and food-soiled paper, from the simple to the stylish. Options include:

- A compostable bag can be kept in a plastic or metal container, or your refrigerator or freezer. See back of flyer for retail locations for bags and pails.
- A paper bag. Recycle the bag with the food scraps in your yard waste cart.
- A reusable plastic container or a metal coffee can with a lid. Empty contents into your cart and reuse the container.
- Plastic food scrap collection containers. Find these at nursery garden stores or online. Some offer a carbon filter in them to eliminate odors. King County residents can purchase a [food scrap container](http://composters.com/kingcounty/kc.shtml) (<http://composters.com/kingcounty/kc.shtml>) at a discounted price through County online sales.

Step #2: Collect food scraps and soiled paper.

- Items that are accepted in the yard waste cart include vegetable and fruit trimmings, egg shells, nut shells, bread, pasta and coffee grounds.
- Food-soiled paper that is accepted includes paper towels, napkins, coffee filters, tea bags, paper plates and cups, paper take-out boxes and greasy pizza delivery boxes.
- Do not compost paper that is plastic-coated or wax-coated in any way, such as milk cartons and ice cream containers. Plastic coating is shiny. When in doubt throw it out—in the garbage. Contamination increases the cost of recycling.
- Do not compost meat, fish, poultry, bones and dairy products in your yard waste cart. In Fall 2008, watch for changes that may allow you to recycle them with your other food scraps.
- You can eliminate odors by placing your food scraps in a paper bag or by wrapping scraps in newspaper and storing them in your refrigerator or freezer until collection day.

Step #3: Add them to your yard waste cart.

- Dump the contents of your kitchen container into your yard waste cart frequently.
- To keep your cart clean, line the bottom with newspaper and/or layer your food scraps and food-soiled paper with your yard waste. Use paper bags and/or occasionally rinse out your cart.

If you're concerned about odors or fruit flies:

- Empty food scraps into the yard waste cart daily.
- Use a kitchen container with a tight-fitting lid and/or a carbon filter.
- Place your food scraps in a biodegradable bag, paper bag or wrap your food scraps in newspaper and store them in the freezer until collection day.
- Rinse out your kitchen container (in your sink) and yard waste container (on your lawn) regularly.
- Line your kitchen container with a scrap of cardboard, paper bag or paper towel.
- Sprinkle baking soda in your kitchen container.
- Check www.recyclefood.com for more information or call the City's Environmental Programs Assistant at (206) 801-2455.



Where to Find Them

Compostable Kitchen Bags

- Central Market – Trash bags aisle
(206) 363-9226
15505 Westminister Way N.
- QFC – Trash bags aisle
(206) 546-5129
600 NW Richmond Beach Rd
- QFC – Natural foods aisle
(206) 363-5717
1531 NE 145th St, Seattle
- Fred Meyer
(206) 546-0720
18325 Aurora Ave N
- Cedar Grove – online
(877) 764-5748
<http://www.cedar-grove.com>

Kitchen Compost Pail

- Ace Hardware Maple Leaf – BioBag Pail
(206) 522-3324
9000 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle
- Sky Nursery – Pail with charcoal filter
(206) 546-4851
18528 Aurora Ave. N., Shoreline
- Composters.com – King County residents
(800) 233-8438
<http://www.composters.com/kingcounty/kc.shtml>

For more information call the City's Environmental Programs Assistant at (206) 801-2455.

This flyer contains a partial listing of vendor services and does not constitute an endorsement of any business.

COMPOST ... FOOD FOR THE SOIL

Residential Food Scraps & Yard Debris

NO. DO NOT COMPOST THESE ITEMS



Plastic
Styrofoam
Metal
Foil
Glass

Animal or human waste
Pet litter
Diapers
Hazardous waste

Soil
Rocks
Stumps/limbs
(over 4' long, 4" wide)
Lumber or fencing
Painted or treated wood

COMPOST & CONSERVE

In the Kitchen

Collect food scraps in a washable container with lid and empty into cart.

Collect food scraps in a paper bag and put entire bag in cart.

In the Yard

Use a "mulching mower" or leave grass clippings on lawn.

Compost grass, leaves, and twigs directly in your garden or in a special backyard composting bin.

Use Less Water


Choose native drought resistant plants.

Use a soaker hose or drip irrigation.

Use mulch or compost around plants to retain moisture.

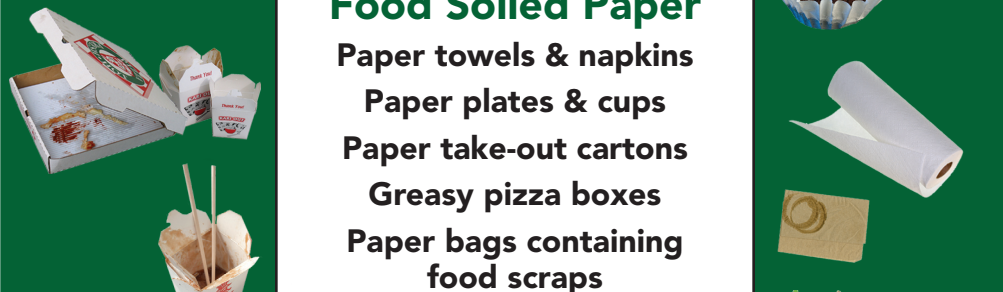
YES! COMPOST THESE ITEMS

Food Scraps



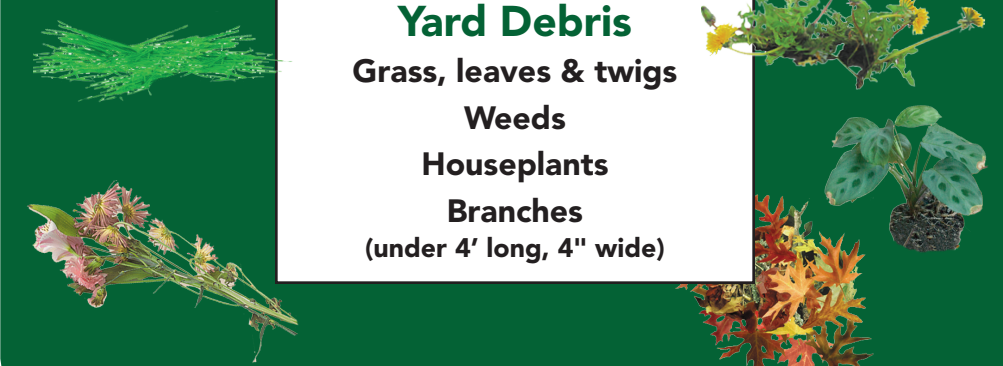
Fruits & vegetables
Bread, pasta & grains
Eggshells, nutshells
Coffee grounds & filters
Tea bags

Food Soiled Paper



Paper towels & napkins
Paper plates & cups
Paper take-out cartons
Greasy pizza boxes
Paper bags containing food scraps

Yard Debris



Grass, leaves & twigs
Weeds
Houseplants
Branches
(under 4' long, 4" wide)

For more information: call CleanScapes at 206-859-6777 or visit www.cleanscapes.com/shoreline
Please read raised lettering on cart lid for restrictions.